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either to...back to Senator Redfield, or back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield? Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Schimek, on the Redfield amendment to LB 729. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, are there any other lights up there right now?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, ma'am, there are one.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm going to pass then for this moment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. There is a light on. Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, did you wish to speak on the Redfield amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I do, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I think this amendment that Senator Redfield has sure is helpful, and I will support that. It does reserve the rights for our citizens, and I think we should do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, now you are recognized.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This amendment came up at the last minute and I was trying to evaluate it. I think my instincts are right. I am opposed to this amendment, Senator Redfield. It is current statutory language, and it's 32-1408, and it says "the Secretary of State shall not accept for filing any initiative or referendum petition which interferes with the legislative prerogative contained in the Constitution of Nebraska that the necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in the manner as the Legislature may direct". I think you're taking us in an entirely new direction here, and I would be strongly opposed to your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. There are no further lights on. Senator Redfield, did you wish this for your closing, or did you wish to speak as your five minutes?